

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- FINAL
For Meeting of May 1, 2006

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Stanley Cohen, City of Sonoma
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Sanford Smith, Valley of the Moon Water District
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Randy Poole, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
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Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Dana Roxon, MMWD
Jon Mandell, MMWD
Paul Helliker, MMWD
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
John Nelson, JONWRM

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Paul Stutrud, OWL
Tony Lindstrom, Cal American Water
Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Jim Downey, Pennngrove/Kenwood Water District
Dave Smith, Consultant for City of Santa Rosa
Greg Hotnick, Public

1. Check In

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

David Keller, FOER, commended the City of Petaluma. The City, in their projected growth for the next 20 years, has not requested additional water from the SCWA. They will achieve this through their conservation and recycled reuse programs.

3. Approval and Recap of the April 3, 2006, Minutes

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, made a motion to approve the minutes and Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded. All approved.

4. City to Update the WAC on IRWP

Dr. David Smith, Merrit-Smith Consulting, gave a presentation updating the WAC on the discharge relocation project options, project study area, and schedule.

Discussion followed including questions about changes to listing requirements, advanced treatment level, flow limitations and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Dr. Smith stated the listing requirements are unknown at this time, the advanced treatment options were studied and found to be not feasible at this time for regulatory compliance, but will be revisited, and studies have shown that the discharge did not impair migration of salmonoids. The flow reduction part of the ESA is during a non-discharge period. The City of Santa Rosa discharges between October 1st and May 14th.

David Keller, FOER, asked how close Santa Rosa is to zero discharge. Dr. Smith indicated that the City currently reuses 75% of its water and the BPU recently stepped up irrigation of potable water. However, the cost to retrofit the entire system would be an additional 300-650 million dollars. While I & I control is an ongoing project, the cost to retrofit the entire system is too costly. Mr. Keller asked that the fishery and human health costs be included in the calculations.

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC, wanted to remind the City of Santa Rosa that there are people who have water wells downstream from SCWA wells.

5. MOU Discussion

Randy Poole, SCWA, asked WAC if they want to modify the MOU for MMWD's concerns or to sign without MMWD.

Paul Helliker, MMWD, stated that "impairment" pertains to natural disasters, sabotage, or other causes beyond the control of the Agency. MMWD doesn't feel the impairment is valid and can not deliver the allocated water.

Randy Poole stated their legal counsel assures them the impairment is valid.

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, motioned that the WAC change signatories and go ahead without MMWD on board. Mike Martini seconded. All favored.

Randy Poole will resubmit the MOU without MMWD and distribute to the contractors.

6. Check Out

Jake Mackenzie stated that with Phase 2 Storm Water Permits pending, he encourages everyone to adopt the Ahwahnee Principles.

Darrin Jenkins asked if the SCWA's shortage allocation methodology was completed. Randy Poole indicated it was approved and he will send copies of the document.

Miles Ferris stated he attended the ACWA and bills of particular interest for agencies are:

- SB1242 – Resource planning to maximize water supply.
- Fire Sprinkler System – a bill to install and maintain for free.
- Bird Nest Protection – a bill for felony charges to anyone who may damage a bird's nest.
- MTBE – a bill to relieve Chevron of cleaning up MTBE.

Chris DeGabriele asked for the status for the Restructured Agreement. Petaluma indicated it would be mid May or June and Santa Rosa indicated it goes before the BPU Thursday and the City Council on May 16th.

Mr. DeGabriele asked that both the Water Policy Committee and finalizing the draft WAC interest letter be added to the June agenda.

Jake Mackenzie thanked Virginia Porter for her work performed for the WAC and asked that a letter of appreciation be drafted, signed by Miles Ferris, as acting chair, and presented at the next WAC meeting.

Paul Helliker advised that Marin County will be giving the ethics training as required by legislation AB1234 for elected officials on May 18th. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

Jake Mackenzie advised there was no Salmonoid Group meeting in April and, therefore, nothing to report.